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For: METHOD FOR POLISHING A
MEMORY OR RIGID DISK WITH A
PHOSPHATE ION-CONTAINING
POLISHING SYSTEM

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In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph appearing at page 2, lines 17-27, with the following paragraph:

The present invention provides a method of planarizing or polishing the surface of a memory or rigid disk, as well as a polishing system useful in such a method. The method comprises contacting the surface of a memory or rigid disk with a polishing system comprising (i) a polishing composition comprising water, an oxidizing agent, and about 0.04 M or higher phosphate ion or phosphonate ion, and (ii) abrasive material, and abrading at least a portion of the surface of the memory or rigid disk by movement of the polishing system relative to the surface of the memory or rigid disk. Such contacting and abrading can take place by any suitable technique. For example, the polishing system can be applied to the surface of the memory or rigid disk and used to abrade at least a portion of the surface of the memory or rigid disk through use of a polishing pad.

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